release of an amount of Rs. 5 crores has been recommended by the Planning Commission on 15.3.2001 from the Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources during the year 2000-2001.

Delayed Projects

3011. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "189 Government projects face delay" appearing in the 'News-Time* dated the 9th January, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any steps have been initiated to identify the persons responsible for the reported time and cost overruns;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what measures Government propose to take to ensure that projects are completed as per the schedule and within the sanctioned Budget?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) As on 1.1.2001, out of 197 major and mega projects each costing Rs. 100 crores and above, 128 projects have cost overrun of the order of Rs. 46,082.7 crores and 91 projects have time overrun with respect to their original schedule of commissioning. The sector-wise break-up of cost overruns as well as time overrun is given in the enclosed statement *(See* below). The reasons for delay are lack of supporting infrastructure facilities; delay in finalisation of detailed engineering and release of drawings and delay in availability of fronts; changes in scope; industrial relations and law & order problems; delay and uncertainty in feedstock supply; precommissioning teething troubles; technology problems; and geological surprises.

(c) and (d) In order to bring accountability in the execution of projects, Standing Committees have been set up in all the concerned

Ministries/Departments, for projects costing Rs. 50 crores and above, which have reported time & cost overruns. These Committees are headed by Additional Secretary or Joint Secretary of the concerned Ministry with representatives from Planning Commission, Department of Expenditure and Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation. The Standing Committees set up as per the guidelines of the Planning Commission issued in August, 1998, have the mandate to go into the details of time and cost overrun and to identify the respective responsibility areas and to suggest remedial action. The reports of the Standing Committees form part of the revised cost estimates of projects which have time and cost overruns and the same are submitted, along with the note for consideration of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs. Identification of individuals responsible for such time and cost overruns forms part of the action taken report of the concerned Ministry/Department on the recommendations of the Standing Committee.

(e) The measures taken to complete the projects as per schedule are as follows:

(i) review of projects on monthly as well as quarterly basis by the Government;

(ii) Indepth critical review of the progress by the Project Authorities and the administrative Ministries and follow up with the State Governments (for acquisition of land and provision of infrastructure facilities like water and power, ensuring law & order at project sites, etc.), consultants and other concerned agencies to minimise delays;

(iii) setting up of an Empowered Committee in the concerned administrative Ministries for resolution of problems;

(iv) bringing modifications in the Land Acquisition Act and Rehabilitation Packages;

(v) inter-ministerial coordination for resolving problems of inter-ministerial nature;

(vi) making available matching funds to complete the projects in the advanced stages of implementation along with the revised completion schedule; and

(vii) reviews by the Minister-in-charge, the Prime Minister's Office and the Cabinet Secretariat.

Statement

Extent of time/cost overrun in major & mega projects with respect to original schedule (as on 01-01-2001)

S. No	Sector	No. of proj-ects	Total cost (Rs. Crs.)			Proj. with cost overrun				Proj. with i time overrun			
			Origi-nal	Anti-cipated cost	Cost over-run (%)	No.	Orgi. cost	Anti-cipated cost	%lncr-ease	No.	Orig. cost	Anti-cipated cost	Range (No)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)
1.	Atomic Energy	3	4889.3	14356.0	193.6	3	4889.3	14356.0	193.6	2	1442.3	5407.0	59-60
2.	Coal	17	9170.7	10325.4	12.6	11	4655.0	6237.9	34.0	11	5800.6	7163.3	5-168
3.	Finance	1	118.3	348.8	194.9	1	118.3	348.8	194.9	1	118.3	348.8	108-
4.	Fertilisers	2	485.1	644.5	32.9	1	350.0	509.4	45.5	0	0.0	0.0	0-0
5.	Mines	3	3884.1	3910,2	0.7	1	157.5	183.6	16.6	1	157.5	183.6	15-15
6.	Steel	2	1067.3	1276.4	19.6	2	1067.3	1276.4	19.6	2	1067.3	1276.4	27-35
7.	Petroleum	24	25013.5	25190.6	0.7	3	2578.4	2817.6	9.3	7	6652.8	6804.9	3-44
8.	Power	24	30014.6	49839.5	66.1	15	22228.0	42053.0	89.2	13	9690.1	25407.3	6-157
9.	Health & FW	2	140.9	691.8	390.9	2	140.9	691.8	390.9	2	140.9	691.8	48-72
10.	Railways	89	22811.7	33415.4	46.5	67	15420.7	26058.9	69.0	31	8010.6	13286.1	21-132
11.	Surface transport	25	5288.1	7886.7	49.1	19	3602.8	6335.0	75.8	18	3354.9	5987.1	9-132
12.		2	777.0	777.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1	546.0	546.0	33-33
13.	Others	3	5047.3	5469.8	8.4	3	5047.3	5469.8	8.4	2	187.3	258.8	36-46
TOTAL		197	108708.0	154132.3	41.8	128	60255.5	106338.2	76.5	91	37168.6	67361.1	